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TO: Liam Skinner, Interim Superintendent

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DATE: September 29, 2023

RE: *Response to Motion Protocol on Lowell Public Schools' Response to Incoming Migrant Families*

The following report is in response to a motion by Eileen Delrossi:

Request the interim superintendent to draft a plan to address concerns in regards to how Lowell Public Schools will respond to the incoming immigrants that will be staying at the Lowell Inn and Conference Center and attending Lowell Public Schools.

Lowell has a rich history of being an entry point for immigrants and refugees arriving in the United States. Over time, various ethnic groups found a welcoming home here and Lowell Public Schools is committed to welcoming and assisting newcomers with a variety of supports and services, directly through our own staff as well as in collaboration with a number of local partner agencies.

School Registration

The Inn & Conference Center (ICC) is located in Zone 2. Students will be assigned to schools in Zone 2 or those listed as citywide schools according to available space. The Open Architects Data Dashboard system has a new Enrollment Monitoring dashboard that will be used to equitably place students according to space and other programmatic needs. Transportation will also be a consideration for school assignments as there are already numerous challenges with the number of available buses.

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With the proximity of the ICC just a short walking distance to the Family Resource Center (FRC), we will register families onsite at FRC. Guidance and coordination for families from the ICC to FRC will be provided. This will allow families to learn where FRC is located, along with the Transportation and Special Education Departments. Initial language screening will be done on the fifth floor at 155 Merrimack Street, so incoming students will be tested there as part of the registration process. Also, by guiding families to the FRC, we will be able to provide for some clothing needs through access to our Catie's Closet, located in the basement of 155 Merrimack Street.

Vaccinations

Per policy, the City Health Department, does not provide vaccinations for children. Children needing vaccinations are referred to the LGH clinic for services. Beth Moffett, School Nurse Coordinator with the City Health Department, provided the following information about mobile vaccination response:

How is the state evaluating and updating immunizations for newly arrived migrant families?

DPH has contracted with John Snow Inc. (JSI) to perform an immunization assessment with all newly arrived children and their families currently residing in hotels or emergency shelters. The assessment includes collecting vaccination history and uploading immunization records into the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS). In response to this assessment, JSI will deploy DPH-contracted VFC-certified, mobile vaccination providers to provide required immunizations to children. Mobile vaccinators will return to provide subsequent doses to children in a vaccine series. A subsequent deployment of mobile vaccination will focus on adult immunization. Concurrent efforts will continue to ensure migrant children and their families are linked to a primary care medical home as soon as possible.

Enrollment Data

Below are the current enrollment figures for all Zone 2 schools as of September 29, 2023. Yellow highlight indicates space for 1-3 new students. Green highlight indicates space for 4- 8 new students.

Additionally, the percent of students coded as English Learners/Multilingual Learners (EL/MLL) is included in the table. Green indicates under 25%, orange indicates between 25-35% and red indicates over 35% of the school population coded as EL/MLL. This data, combined with transportation availability on existing routes, will be used to determine placement across open seats in Zone 2 and the citywide schools.

Zone 2 Schools	Current Count by Grade Level	Current EL/MLL %
Butler Middle School	Grade 5: 128 Grade 6: 123 Grade 7: 134 Grade 8: 123	22.6%

Greenhalge Elementary School	EC/PK: 41 Grade K: 81 Grade 1: 80 Grade 2: 85 Grade 3: 89 Grade 4: 86	36.8%
McAuliffe Elementary School	EC/PK: 48 Grade K: 79 Grade 1: 85 Grade 2: 93 Grade 3: 94 Grade 4: 84	25.7%
Reilly Elementary	EC/PK: 27 Grade K: 85 Grade 1: 83 Grade 2: 95 Grade 3: 94 Grade 4: 89	22.4%
Shaughnessy Elementary School	EC/PK: 30 Grade K: 91 Grade 1: 78 Grade 2: 91 Grade 3: 92 Grade 4: 89	28.5%
Sullivan Middle School	Grade 5: 128 Grade 6: 123 Grade 7: 134 Grade 8: 123	31.9%
Washington Elementary School	EC/PK: 32 Grade K: 35 Grade 1: 43 Grade 2: 45 Grade 3: 47 Grade 4: 40	39.3%
Citywide Schools:	Current Count by Grade Level	Current EL %
Bartlett Community Partnership	EC/PK: 41 Grade K: 39 Grade 1: 43	29.8%

	Grade 2: 50 Grade 3: 59 Grade 4: 51 Grade 5: 55 Grade 6: 44 Grade 7: 52 Grade 8: 53	
Cardinal O'Connell Early Learning Center	EC/PK: 100	
Lincoln Elementary School	EC/PK: 54 Grade K: 88 Grade 1: 86 Grade 2: 89 Grade 3: 95 Grade 4: 91	32.8%
Moody Elementary School	EC/PK: 19 Grade K: 47 Grade 1: 43 Grade 2: 48 Grade 3: 47 Grade 4: 46	49.2%
Pyne Arts School	EC/PK: 30 Grade K: 41 Grade 1: 42 Grade 2: 43 Grade 3: 46 Grade 4: 47 Grade 5: 60 Grade 6: 53 Grade 7: 54 Grade 8: 50	18.5%
Robinson Middle School	Grade 5: 162 Grade 6: 138 Grade 7: 141 Grade 8: 151	28.4%
STEM Academy @ the Rogers School	Grade K: 80 Grade 1: 84 Grade 2: 93	35.7%

	Grade 3: 97 Grade 4: 89 Grade 5: 113 Grade 6: 103 Grade 7: 103 Grade 8: 110	
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We are continuing to plan for the arrival of newcomer students by running some mocked-up scenarios for enrollment placements. As such, when we receive more specific information, such as the number of children expected and the ages of those children, we will be able to quickly draft concrete plans for timely enrollment in the most appropriate Lowell Public Schools.